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Jerold Prestwich  
Jerika Mining Corporation  
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Re: Request to Change Mine File Status (Large Mine to Small Mine), Jerika Mine, M/045/013, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Prestwich:

Division staff and U.S. Forest Service personnel recently accompanied you on an inspection of your Jerika Mine site to evaluate a request to change the status of your large mine permit to a small mine category. You stated that you originally permitted this project as a large mine because your initial plan was to develop a mine much larger than five (5) surface acres (the small mine disturbance threshold).

When your permit application was approved on August 27, 1981, the five (5) acre small mine category did not exist. A two (2) acre Declaration of Exemption category existed which did not require the filing of a mining permit application. Prior to a 1987 statutory change of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act (which created the 5 acre Small Mine category and eliminated the 2 acre exemption), any mining related disturbance exceeding 2 acres required the filing of a large mine permit application and reclamation bond. You stated that the Jerika Mine disturbance has never exceeded the 5-acre small mine threshold and that the large mine was never developed as originally planned.

Our site inspection of August 25, 1999 confirmed that a large mining operation never occurred. The present disturbance at the Jerika Mine encompasses approximately 1.5 to 2 acres. The areas included in the disturbance are the portal openings and a waste dump area on the Jerika 12 & 13 claims. These areas will require reclamation before this permit can be closed. Other disturbances on the Jerika claim block were determined to be pre-law and, therefore, would not require reclamation unless these areas are disturbed by any future mining activities.

Mark Sensibaugh, USFS, has agreed not to include the .7 miles of access road into the site as a part of the disturbance. Providing that as you complete the final reclamation, the road is bladed to remove the wash-out areas and water bars are placed to prevent this type of damage in the future.

The Division hereby approves of your request to change the status of your permit from a large mine to a small mine. This change will result in reducing your annual permit fees from \$350/yr to \$100/yr